

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-11, 13-15, 17-21, 23-31, 34-59, 62-76, 80-91, 94-108, 111, 113, and 115-119 are pending.

Independent claims 1, 23, 49, 80, and 111 have been amended to incorporate the features recited in claim 3, claims 32 and 33, claims 60 and 61, claims 92 and 93, and claim 114 respectively. Claims 3, 32, 33, 60, 61, 92, 93 and 114 have consequently been canceled.

As the Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 33, 61, 93 and 114 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, it is believed that all pending claims, as amended, are allowable over the cited references of record. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC §102(e) in view of DiMilla et al. is thus respectfully requested.

No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application as amended is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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